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Microsoft has, and continues, to use monopolistic leverage to destroy competitors and rip off consumers. For example XP allows Microsoft to tax the internet by charging web sites for placement. Given that there's no real alternative to most users Microsoft will effectively be able to tax most online sales since the companies will pass on the costs of buying placement in XP to consumers, albeit invisibly. The only viable solution is to split the company and require them to eschew charging for any placement in the OS. This will still leave Microsoft well off financially.

One note. I'm a mac user. I pay about the same for an OS upgrade as does a Windows user. But the mac base is 1/20th that of the Windows base. That seems to indicate that Microsoft is milking the market. If there were any competing source, as there is in the chip arena, i bet those windoze users would be paying a lot less.